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Honorable Bill Goodling
House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Goodling:

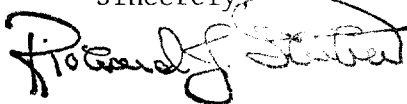
This is in reply to your letter of February 23, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Mitchell Rohrbach, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
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Dear Sir:

The attached communication sent to me by Mr. Mitchell Rohrbach has been respectfully referred to you for your review, consideration, and comment.

I ask that you kindly return the enclosed correspondence to Julie Williams of my staff.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", written in dark ink.

BILL GOODLING
Member of Congress

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As an avid radio control modeler, I take this opportunity to solicit your help and support in defeating a proposed rule under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proposal, PR DOCKET 92-235, would establish new "FCC Land Mobile" frequencies that are dangerously close to our existing model frequencies. These new mobile business frequencies will render a very large portion of our radio equipment either unusable or *unsafe* due to radio frequency interference.

Radio Control modelers go to great lengths to assure the safety of the pilots, spectators and that of the surrounding population and property. Please understand that these models vary in size with wing spans up to ten feet, weights of up to forty pounds and are able to achieve speeds in excess of one hundred miles per hour. As you can guess, "passing" radio interference caused by one of the new, proposed frequencies and the resulting loss of control of a model, could be very disastrous to persons and property.

Of course there will be those that tell you that the new frequencies will not cause this interference. *I am able to guarantee that they are wrong !* I do not think it wise that the FCC seek to establish these new frequencies at the expense of safety. The FCC may not consider modelers to be as important as land mobile business radios, but we do have considerable investment in our hobby and equipment and the number of our voices is larger than one might expect. The ACADEMY of MODEL AERONAUTICS currently has tens of thousands of active flying members who would be adversely affected by this proposed FCC rule. In addition, a negative impact would be felt by the numerous hobby/radio dealers and manufacturers.

On a personal note, I currently have six airplane radio systems ranging in cost from \$120 to \$200 each. The model aircraft involved with those systems, as a total, cost approximately \$2000. The anticipation of the loss of this investment due to "radio interference crashes" and the apprehension felt regarding the safety of the population and surrounding property is quite unsatisfactory.

Please support our great hobby, make every effort to defeat the FCC proposal. This day and age it seems easy for business and Federal agencies to place the enjoyment and maybe even the safety of others by the wayside. Be different.